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In re Application of:

Saburo SONE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1632

Application No.: 09/864,364

Examiner: Li, Qian J.

Filed: May 25, 2001

Confirmation No. 1599

For: NON-HUMAN ANIMAL

EXHIBITING BONE METASTASIS

OF TUMOR CELLS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2004. The period for reply has been extended three months, to August 25, 2004, by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Please amend the application as follows:

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